

HOUSE No. 2851

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, petition of Robert A. DeLeo and Gerald D. DiFranza providing for an investigation and study of the needs of the elderly blind and visually impaired citizens of the Commonwealth. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 That a special commission, to consist of one member to be
2 appointed by the secretary of elder affairs, one member, who shall
3 be a member of the vocational rehabilitation council, to be
4 appointed by the commissioner of the massachusetts commission
5 for the blind, one member to be appointed by the commissioner of
6 the department of public health, one member to be appointed by
7 the secretary of the executive office of elder affairs, one member
8 to be appointed by the director of the home care assistance pro-
9 gram of the independent living division, one member to be
10 appointed by the secretary of the executive office of health and
11 human services, one member to be appointed by the League of
12 Neighborhood Health Centers, one member to be appointed by the
13 Massachusetts Nursing Home Association, and three members to
14 be appointed by the governor who shall be members of the general
15 public; is hereby established for the purpose of making an inves-
16 tigation and study of the needs of the elderly blind and visually
17 impaired citizens of the commonwealth.

18 Said commission shall convene one month after this resolve is
19 signed into law and shall file a report one year thereafter with the
20 offices of the house clerk, senate clerk, and the governor which
21 shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for

22 improving programs and services offered by the executive office
23 of elder affairs and local councils on aging, transportation pro-
24 grams for elderly blind and visually impaired citizens, and dis-
25 semination of information regarding health care services and
26 policies relative to elderly blind and visually impaired citizens.